

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**Examining Group Number 3700**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	VESSEL SEALING DEVICES		

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 24, 2009 and is filed concurrently with an Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: